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 TOPIC Quartering Area of the 12th Gds Tank Div in Neuruppin, Fuerstenberg  
and the southeast Section of the Schweinrich Training Area 25X1

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This is UNEVALUATED Information

1. On 12 June 1974, the Friedrich-Franz Kaserne (2nd Tank Division) was occupied by about 1,000 to 1,200 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia. On 28 May, a truck towing a 122-mm field howitzer left the installation toward the town. On 3 June, 2 x 132-mm rocket launchers entered the installation. On 6 June, 1 personnel carrier and 8 trucks towing 37-mm AA guns left the installation for the training area. Between 10 and 12 June, light AA guns and 132-mm rocket launchers were observed. Motor vehicles were seen en route to and from the installation. 25X1

2. On 16 June, the Friedrich-Franz Kaserne was lighted about 95 percent at dusk. Between 26 April and 20 May, an undetermined number of soldiers received instruction on 2 x 37-mm AA guns, 2 x 122-mm howitzers and 2 x 37-mm AA guns in the barracks yard. On 14 June, soldiers received instruction on 3 x 122-mm howitzers. 25X1

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4. On 12 June, the See Kaserne (Neuruppin) was occupied by about 1,000 to 1,200 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with tank, artillery and motor transport insignia. Between 28 April and 4 May, approximately 14 T-34/85 tanks; about 15 x 120-mm mortars, heavy tanks and 1 SP gun were seen in the installation. Tanks and mortars were also observed on 10 and 12 June. On both 10 and 11 June, two canvas-covered armored personnel carriers entered the installation. Motor vehicles seen entering and leaving the installation [REDACTED] 25X1

5. On 16 June, about 75 percent of the windows of See Kaserne were lit at dusk. Between 24 April and 22 May, 24 T-34 tanks and 1 JS-3 tank left the installation almost daily. On one day, the tanks included 3 T-34/85 tanks [REDACTED] 25X1

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[ ] On 16 June, an undetermined number of troops drilled on 3 x 120-mm mortars on the drill ground near the slaughter house between Scholtenstrasse and Trenkmannstrasse.

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6. On 25 May, the See Kaserne was occupied by about 1,000 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery, signal and motor transport insignia.

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[ ] One of the barracks buildings included 6 instruction rooms. Instruction material for motor vehicles and 120-mm mortars was seen in the instruction rooms. Supply officer Lieutenant Colonel Stetsenkov and Commanding Officer Colonel Markashov were seen in the barracks area. On 11 June, numerous mortars were parked in the barracks area. On 11 and 12 June, about 80 soldiers practiced with rifles, the barrels of which were considerably stronger than those of carbines. A magazine, about 8 cm long, was seen on the lower side of the stock. The rifles appeared to be brand new. They presumably were M-1940-type semiautomatic rifles. Motor vehicles [ ]

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[ ] were seen entering and leaving the installation. 2

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7. On 14 and 25 June, about 30 SU-100 guns [ ] were parked in the sheds of Unit Dronov in Fridericus Kaserne Neuruppin. The sheds of Unit Kovalenkov were also occupied by 30 SU-100 guns. SU-100 guns had previously been observed also with Unit Zadorozhni. Motor vehicles [ ]

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[ ] were seen en route to and from the installation. 3

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8. On 16 June, about 90 percent of the windows of Fridericus Kaserne were lit at dusk.

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9. On 7 June, the former girls' school [ ] Neuruppin, was occupied by about 250 to 300 recruits who wore red-bordered black epaulets with motor transport insignia.

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10. On 22 May, the former girls' school was lighted about 90 to 95 percent. Sentries observed wore red-bordered black epaulets. Fifteen trucks marked as driving school vehicles were almost daily seen in front of the installation and, later, in town.

11. On 7 June, the post hospital [ ] Neuruppin, was occupied. Field-grade officers were repeatedly seen entering and leaving the installation.

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12. Between 15 and 18 June, tank and machine gun firing practices were almost daily held at the Gentzrode post training area.

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[ ] were seen en route toward Neuruppin. The column came from the direction of Frankendorf. On 17 June, JS tanks [ ] went from Grafendamm to Storbeck and back. On 18 June, T-34 tanks [ ] arrived from the direction of Neuruppin. 4

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13. Between 9 and 16 June, motor vehicle columns were seen on Wittstocker Allee. The columns included up to 3 x 57-mm AT guns, about 7 armored personnel carriers, 3 BA-64 armored scout cars and 37 trucks with troops. individual sidocar motorcycles and 3 field kitchens.

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14. On 21 June, the Droegen Kaserne Fuerstenberg, was fully lighted. On 28 and 29 May, the unit from the installation conducted a night exercise. The training area was bordered by the Fuerstenberg-Berlin railroad line, Altglobsower Weg and, to the north, by Buerger See (lake). About 600 to 700 soldiers, light mortars, 3 armored trucks mounting light guns and 3 x 76.2-mm AT guns participated in the exercise. Reports of infantry weapons and AT guns were heard throughout the night. The exercise terminated at 0600 on 29 May. On 14 June, about 300 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia, armed with carbines and submachine guns and carrying practice targets left for the Carlshorst firing range. Intensive firing by guns was heard from the training area. On 17 June, about 150 soldiers received instruction on 4 light mortars in the area between Berliner Chaussee and the Berlin-Fuerstenberg railroad line. On 20 June, soldiers received instruction on 4 x 76.2-mm AT guns in the area opposite the installation. Motor vehicles and were seen entering and leaving the installation.

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15. On 17 June, the Droegen Kaserne was occupied to capacity by about 3,500 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets and by dependents. Weapons observed in the barracks area included 82-mm mortars, 57-mm AT guns and 76.2-mm field guns. On 14 June, an undetermined number of troops drilled on 2 x 76.2-mm field guns in the training area and about 30 soldiers towed 3 x 57-mm AT guns from this area to the installation.

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16. On 15 June, the Droegen Kaserne was still occupied to capacity by troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia. On 10 June, about 50 soldiers with 6 x 85-mm AT guns left the installation. About 60 to 80 soldiers constructed field fortifications in the training area.

17. On 7 June, 6 trucks towing medium guns, 12 trucks occupied by troops, 6 tanks, 1 sedan and 6 jeeps arrived in the Neu-Glienicke section of the Schweinrich training grounds from the direction of Alt-Ruppin. The troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets, immediately started construction of field fortifications in Jagen Nos 137, 138, 115 and 92, Neuglienicke. Targets were posted in Jagen Nos 143, 121 and 98. The tanks were seen in a simulated attack against these targets on 10 June. A tank and artillery firing was held in this area. Three JS tanks, 3 T-34 tanks, motor vehicles participated in the practice. This unit left toward Neuruppin on 12 June. JS tanks, 3 T-34 tanks, 4 medium guns, 2 sedans, 4 jeeps and about 14 trucks were seen during the departure. On the same day, firing with 4 rocket launchers was held in the Belauf Hammelstall. On 14 June, 6 T-34 tanks, 3 armored personnel carriers, 2 light scout cars, 2 sedans, 4 jeeps and

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about 12 trucks went toward Frankendorf-Steinberge. The column came from the direction of Neuruppin. The entire area was cordoned off. At about noon, the tanks started firing. At about 1700, 1 sedan and 8 closed trucks arrived in the Steinberge area from the direction of Fuerstenberg.

The unit prepared bivouacs in Jagen Nos 156 and 157.

Eight JS tanks were also observed there. On 18 June, 2 JS tanks, arrived from the direction of Neuruppin.

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Lieutenant Colonel Stetsenkov is supply officer of the 226th Mort Regt of the 12th Gds Tank Div. Colonel Markashov presumably is commanding officer of the 226th Mort Regt of the 12th Gds Tank Div.

3. Comment. Lieutenant Colonel Dronov is supply officer of the 49th Gds Tank Regt of the 12th Gds Tank Div. Lieutenant Colonel Kovalenkov is supply officer of the 66th Gds Tank Regt of the 12th Gds Tank Div. Lieutenant Colonel Zadorozhni presumably is supply officer of the 18th Gds Mtrcl Bn of the 12th Gds Tank Div.

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4. Comment. Units of the 12th Gds Tank Div from Neuruppin conducted firing including night firing practices at the Gentzrode post training grounds between 15 and 16 June and exercises of combined-arms units and firing in the Neuglienicke section of the Schweinrich troop training grounds between 7 and 13 June. On 14 June, these units were relieved by another unit and returned to their quarters.

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5. Comment. the units of the 12th Gds Tank Div remained in their quarters until mid-June.

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